

Forest Land-Yavatmal.

Diversion of 0.102 ha. Forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable passing within the existing ROW of State Highway 267 road from route Ghatanji to Inzala in Tal. Ghatanji, Dist. Yavatmal.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Resolution No. FLD-3220/C.R.46/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.**

Date: 17.05.2021

Read:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur letter No. Desk-17/NC/I.I.D.-/1679/19-20, dt.16.01.2020

Preamble:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.102 ha. Forest land in favour of M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable within the existing ROW of State Highway 267 road from route Ghatanji to Inzala in Pandharkawada Forest Division. After careful consideration and scrutiny of the proposal, the Government is pleased to grant in-principle approval.

Resolution:

In exercise of powers conferred to the State Government, vide Handbook of guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**in-principle**' approval to the diversion of Forest Land under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.102 ha. Reserved Forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable within the existing ROW of State Highway 267 road from route Ghatanji to Inzala. The details of the Forest Land are as follows:-

Item	Village	Survey No	Compt. No.	Length x Width (meter)	Area (in ha)	Legal Status
Laying of Optical Fiber Cable Line	Inzala	28 & 46	226	1459 x 0.40	0.059	Reserved Forest
	Yerandgaon	29	227	1090 x 0.40	0.043	
Total Area (in ha)					0.102	

2. This in-principle approval is issued subject to the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) The User Agency shall defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation over 1.00 ha. Forest Land in compartment No.226 of Village-Sakhara, Tal. Ghatanji in Ghatanji range.

- 3) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth & 1 m width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
 - 4) The land under project will be reclaimed by the user agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50 per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
 - 5) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
 - 6) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
 - 7) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
 - 8) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of the project.**
 - 9) The user agency will be authorized to lay the Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the protected area after compliance of this order. Any breach of conditions by the user agency will be treated as violation of the Provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
 - 10) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology, Government of India in pursuance to their letter dated 23.06.2011 and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
 - 11) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.**
 - 12) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Yavatmal shall report the details of amount recovered from the Project Authority towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation at prevalent rate and all other cost required as per rules in due course of time.
 - 13) After completion of the project the area under RoW should be reclaimed suitably.
 - 14) User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest/Environment
 - 15) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on the User Agency.
 - 16) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and guidelines shall be complied with by the User Agency.
 - 17) All necessary approvals required for the project as per prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by the user agency before statutory sanction.
 - 18) Any other condition which Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur may impose.
- 3. The Final approval shall be granted by the State Government after fulfilment of the above conditions by the User Agency.**

This Government resolution of Maharashtra Government is available at the website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202105171325560819. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Arvind Apte)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & C.E.O (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
6. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur
7. Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation), Nagpur.
8. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Yavatmal.
9. Collector, Yavatmal.
10. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Pandharkawada Division, Pandharkawada, Dist. Yavatmal.
12. M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
13. Select File-F-10.